

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Wetlands in the form of sloughs, ponds, backwaters, shallow water and riparian zones enhance the quality of life enjoyed by South Dakotans of all ages; and,

*Whereas*, Wetlands directly and indirectly contribute to South Dakota's economy through revenue from hunting, fishing and recreation; and,

*Whereas*, Walleye benefit from the presence of shallow water habitat during the fry and fingerling stages; and,

*Whereas*, American Wetlands Month celebrates the vital role our state's wetlands play in our ecological and economic system; and,

*Whereas*, The preservation of our South Dakota wetlands resources depends upon us as citizens; and,

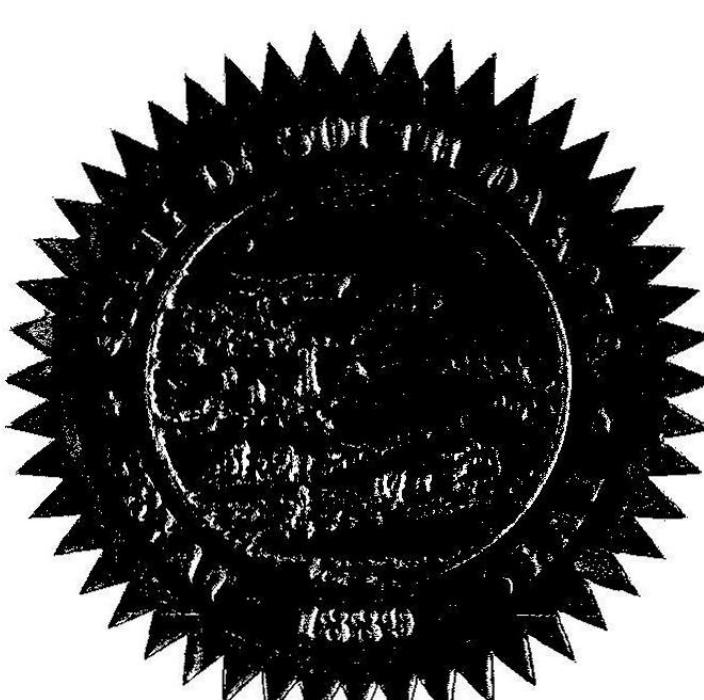
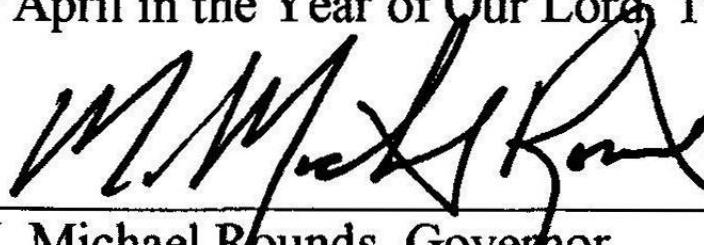
*Whereas*, The observance of American Wetlands Month can do more than any other single event to raise public consciousness about wetland values, and broaden our state's understanding and appreciation of our natural resources:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as

### *AMERICAN WETLANDS MONTH*

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

  
  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State